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Follow up question for you.

Idaho is implementing wolf management for impacts through predators, according to the Predator Management Plans you attached. I get all that. Other states are also implementing regulated wolf hunts (primarily thinking about MT), but if memory serves you said that only Idaho has developed the predator mgmt plans specific to wolves. I have a hard time believing that MT is doing wolf hunting just for the sake of hunting wolves - they are doing it in response to impacts on other species, correct? Perhaps I need a phone call to better understand. I'm around this week with the exception of Wednesday.

Thanks Scott.

Eo

On Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 12:12 PM Becker, Scott A <[scott\\_becker@fws.gov](mailto:scott_becker@fws.gov)> wrote:

This is from p. 69800 in the 2020 rule (the final sentence was added from the status review.

'Under the IDFG Policy for Avian and Mammalian Predator Management (IDFG 2000), where there is evidence that predation is a significant factor inhibiting prey populations from achieving management objectives, management actions to mitigate the effects of predators may be developed in a predation management plan. Initial management options may include habitat improvements, changes to regulations governing take of the affected species, or regulatory changes that increase hunter/trapper opportunity for predators. If these methods are implemented and do not achieve the desired management objective, predator management may be used to reduce predator populations where predator effects are most significant. To date, predator management plans have been developed for five elk management zones in Idaho with wolves being one of, if not the primary, targeted predator (IDFG 2011, IDFG 2014a, IDFG 2014b, IDFG 2014c). Between 2011 and 2021, 157 wolves have been removed under these predation management plans to benefit ungulate populations.'

I thought about sending a few paragraphs from our status review, but decided against it since it is still draft. I attached some info from the F4WM website that discusses increased payments and where those occurred during the 2021-2022 season. I've also attached all known predation mgmt plans and their policy for avian-mammalian pred mgmt. Sorry it is not condensed but I have to run now and be available for a meeting thsi afternoon between 2-4. Be happy to chat over phone anytime this week about this, if need be. Hope things went well for you and the family last week!!

scott

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Can you send me some brief speaking points on how Idaho has used wolf impacts on ungulates to justify and implement any sort of wolf mgmt? I know we've talked about this briefly before, but I would like to have a few more details at my fingertips. I know other states have it in their plans, and 10J has considered it before as well - having tangible information on how it has been applied (and if it's been determined to have been effective) would be really helpful. I have a meeting next week where I will be asked to discuss this, so if you can get me something by the end of the week, that would be awesome.

Thanks,  
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